GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2133
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SUCCOR TO DISABLED PERSONS
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rehabilitation International a chief consultative body to organizations like UNESCO, World Bank and UNICEF in the disability Sector has urged the Committee of Nations to provide succor to disabled persons in the new millennium as reported in the Hindustan Times dated December 12, 1999;

(b) if so, whether the organisation has submitted a copy of its charter to the Prime Minister;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a)to(c) Rehabilitation Coordination India presented a Charter on Disability to the Hon`ble Prime Minister. A copy of the Charter is at Annexure-I.

(d) The thrust of the Charter is that all possible facilities be provided to persons with disabilities for their overall development. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has already enacted a legislation, namely, the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 which came into force w.e.f. 7.2.1996. This Act provides for comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities for providing them equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation. All the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, State Governments and UT Admns. and other appropriate agencies have to ensure the implementation of the various provisions of the Act by making necessary institutional arrangements and implementing various programmes for the people with disabilities within the limits of their economic capacity and development.